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STATEMENT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR

1867-8.

MANCHESTER, N. H.:
Printed by Charles F. Livingston.
1868.

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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TOWN TREASURER.

IMPROVEMENT ON HIGHWAYS.

1867.

Paid B. F. Wilson, repairing highway in district No. 6,	$4 25	
Frederick Underhill, for use of tools,	60	
Addison Seavey, repairs birch road.	7 80	
Wm. S. True, plank and timber for bridge,	5 88	
Stephen Pingree, repairing highway,	10 29	
Henry Smith, covering stone,	1 00	
Geo. Cammet, reparing highway,	6 00	
Lewis Kimball, plow broke,	75	
		$36

BREAKING ROADS.

1867.

Paid Wm. Weeks,	1 05
H. S. Haselton,	4 38
Geo. W. Chase,	3 45
N. B. Couch,	5 25
Charles Stevens,	3 15

Paid Horace E. True,	4 05	
Geo. W. Clark,	1 20	
Edwin Jones,	5 70	
Edwin Jones,	4 80	
1868.		
Moses Webster,	9 45	
S. W. Edwards,	1 95	
Geo. W. Weeks,	8 25	
Geo. W. Chase,	2 85	
Lewis Kimball,	60	
J. D. Morse,	98	
		$57 11

AUDITORS' SERVICES.

Paid William Greenough,	$1 50	
Moses Webster,	1 50	
S. S. Chamberlin,	1 50	
		$4 50

D. L. BATCHELDER'S BILL.

Selectmen and auditors' expense,	$8 00

NON-RESIDENT TAXES.

1867.

Paid non-resident taxes worked out.	$23 71

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1866.

Paid Mrs. Nancy Chase, bank stock taxed,	$14 00	
George Marden, died,	4 80	
James D. Bell, horse died,	2 00	
1865.		
Paid Rufus Abbott, cut his foot,	8 84	

1866.		
Paid Wm. A. Morse, too much,	1 50	
Moses G. Lovering, timber cut off,	4 83	
Daniel S. West, dog, had none,	1 00	
Wm. Smith, tax, too much,	80	
Charles Brown, taxed N. West,	4 46	
Thomas Lane,	10 30	
Robert Sanborn,	90	
Daniel Osgood,	4 80	
1867.		
Paid Cyrus Marston, money taxed,	6 50	
Zacheus Shirley, tax, too much,	2 00	
Thomas A. McDuffee, over seventy,	4 45	
John Dearborn, error,	3 70	
Elijah Trull, land taxed N. B. Couch,	6 25	
Robert Sanborn, land tax, too much,	87	
Addison Green, ox died,	1 00	
W. P. W. Whittemore, horse died,	90	
Benjamin Poor, land tax, too much,	2 80	
Lucien Kent, error,	4 14	
Geo. W. Hook, money taxed,	5 55	
Mrs. Daniel Wilson, money taxed,	5 55	
Wm. B. Robie, money taxed,	6 50	
David Lane, horse died,	92	
N. H. Brown, land tax, too much,	7 66	
Wm. Cook, land tax, too much,	4 62	
Luther Fitz, school-house tax,	45	
1866.		
Paid Mark Carr, not able,	4 80	
1867.		
Paid Isaac Seavey, school house tax,	2 00	
1855—6.		
Paid Mrs. Joseph Morse,	12 00	
		$140 98

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1867.

Paid Charles F. Livingston, for printing Town Reports, &c,	$38 00	
Wm. H. Fisk for blank books,	4 08	
E. C. Eastman,	1 60	
Stationery and stamps,	1 00	
		$44 68

CEMETERY.

1867.

Paid C. L. Weymouth's bill,	$3 00	
J. R. Gordon,	1 40	
		$4 40

TOWN HALL.

1867.

Paid Henry Moore's bill, for oil and paint,	$73 22	
Daniels & Co., for oil and paint,	18 78	
C. D. Smith, for painting Town Hall,	37 00	
1866.		
Paid Amos D. Moore, for setting glass in Town Hall,	2 00	
		$131 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid state tax,	$1868 75	
county tax,	676 59	
		$2545 34

SCHOOL TAX ON TOWN FARM.

Paid school tax on town farm,	2 59

SCHOOL MONEY.

1857.

Paid District No. 1,	$187 45	
2,	105 23	
3,	103 08	
4,	55 08	
5,	44 49	
6,	52 79	
7,	61 26	
8,	76 15	
9,	38 68	
10,	38 58	
No. 1, in Auburn,	11 00	
		$773 70

WATERING TROUGHS.

Paid Aaron Ball,		1 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

1867.

Paid John H. Waterman, for surveying town lines,	$10 00	
Geo. W. Hook, 1 day with selectmen in district No. 10,	1 50	
D. L. Batchelder, moving engine house,	5 00	
Lucien Kent, for getting Town Reports printed,	4 50	
		$21 00

COLLECTOR.

1867.

Paid John S. Couch,		$85 68

TOWN CLERK.

1867.

Paid Clement A. West,		$16 00

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1867.

Paid James F. Brown,		$40 00

TOWN TREASURER.

1867.

Paid John W. Noyes,		$25 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

1867.

Paid Geo. W. Clark,	$68 75	
James R. Gordon,	56 25	
Anderson Holman,	24 00	
		$119 00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Paid Geo. W. Clark,	$13 13	
James R. Gordon,	10 75	
Anderson Holman,	13 68	
		$37 56

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid W. P. Underhill,	$12 00	
Geo. M. West,	8 00	
Clark B. Hall,	5 00	
		$25 00

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid James D. Lane, in district No. 10,	$105 00	
Daniel Sanborn, district No. 9,	13 50	
		$118 50

RECEIPTS AND EYPENDITURES

OF

MOSES WEBSTER, OVERSEER OF TOWN FARM,

FOR SUPPORT OF THE POOR ON AND OFF THE FARM.

RECEIPTS.

By cash received of county,	$469 28	
1 yoke oxen, sold,	220 00	
Produce and labor,	101 91	
Drawn from town treasurer,	149 35	
		$940 54

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Wm. Greenough's bill,	$144 29
Henry Moore's bill,	184 15
T. J. Melvin's bill,	38 96
Geo. S. Smith's bill,	170 00
B. P. Webster,	73 00
J. F. Brown,	50 00
R. Shirley,	14 04
D. Currier,	8 45
O. Hunt,	8 73
J. L. Lovett,	4 00
S. Coudry,	4 50
D. Richardson,	5 00

Paid E. Adams,	6 50	
J. W. West,	3 00	
C. Adams,	1 05	
J. R. Gordon,	2 15	
Sargent & Underhill,	85	
J. E. Prescott,	87	
J. S. Emery,	60	
B. P. Robie,	50	
J. G. Hall,	200 00	
M. Webster,	19 90	
		$940 54

STOCK AND PROVISIONS AT ALMSHOUSE.

1 1-2 bbls. beef, $33, 1 1-2 bbls. pork, $38,	$71 00	
2 bbls. cider $12, 1 bbl. apples, $4,	16 00	
50 bu. potatoes, $37.50, 30 lbs. butter, $12,	49 50	
40 lbs. lard, $6, soap, $2,	8 00	
Cheese, $1.28, tallow and candles, $3,	4 28	
26 bu. oats, $20.80, 25 bu. corn, $37.50,	58 30	
1 1-2 bu. beans, $5, 1-2 bu. peas, $1,	6 00	
2 hogs, $24, 1 yoke oxen, $170,	194 00	
1 yoke steers, $75, 4 cows, $180,	255 00	
1 calf, $15, 7 sheep, $28, 1 horse, $100,	143 00	
9 tons Eng. hay, $198, 2 1-2 run. hay, $38,	236 00	
Flour, $3.25, meal, $2,	5 25	
Straw and cornfodder,	10 00	
		$1056 33

Names and ages of the inmates of the Almshouse:

Philip Shea, 77 yrs.	Sarah T. Haddock, 78 yrs.
Philip Flanders, 67 yrs.	Abigail Lane, 61 yrs.
Phillip P. Tebbetts, 65 yrs.	Sarah A. Potter, 50 yrs.
George Wason, 47 yrs.	Hannah Flanders, 41 "
Frank Flanders, 7 "	Mary Morse, 18 yrs.

Average number, 9. Present number, 10.

MOSES WEBSTER, *Overseer of the Poor.*

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN W. NOYES, TREASURER.

Dr.

To paid L. Kent, balance due as Treasurer last year,	$89 36
Non-resident taxes, worked out,	23 71
For printing and stationery,	44 68
For care of cemetery,	4 40
For painting and repairing Town Hall,	131 00
For breaking roads,	57 11
State tax,	1868 75
County tax,	676 59
School-house taxes	148 50
For sheep killed by dogs,	25 00
For improvement on highways,	36 57
Abatement of taxes,	140 89
School tax on town farm,	2 59
Watering troughs	1 50
For collecting taxes, J. S. Couch's bill,	85 68
Town clerk's services,	16 00
Superintending school committee,	40 00
Town treasurer's services,	25 00
Selectmen's services,	119 00
Selectmen's expenses,	37 56
School money,	773 79
Miscellaneous bills. (Selectmen's report.)	21 00
Auditors' services,	4 50
D. L. Batchelder's bill,	8 00
Town debts, notes taken up,	7036 19
Endorsements on notes outstanding,	250 00
Interest on note outstanding,	222 00
C. H. Bell, balance of his bill for services,	125 83
Moses Webster, overseer of the poor,	149 35
Balance in the treasury,	540 87
	$12665 42

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1867.		
	By cash of J. M. Kent, balance for taxes 1865—6,	1900 00
Mch 21.	By cash hired of Lucy Ann Green,	500 00
April 9.	hired of Benj. Webster,	200 00
8.	hired of Nancy Chase,	800 00
22.	hired of N. S. Clark	2000 00
May 9.	Of John West, in part for the Carr farm,	50 00
July 30.	hired of Mary H. Seavey,	500 00
Aug. 31.	hired of John Ordway	1000 00
Sept. 2.	hired of Philip Norwell,	50 00
2.	hired of Mary A. Dearborn,	600 00
Nov. 20.	hired of Sarah Shaw,	103 60
1868.		
Jan. 2.	Hired of Wm. D. Knowles	150 00
	Railroad tax dividends for 1867	55 11
	Savings bank tax dividends for 1867,	124 91
	Literary fund,	40 80
	Cash from the state for U. S. bounties,	325 00
	Cash of J. M. Kent, on tax list of 1863,	3 00
	Cash for Execution v. L. D. Rollins,	173 00
	Cash for J. S. Couch, on tax list of 1867,	3640 00
		$12665 42

STATEMENT.

The town owes the following debts, interest cast to Feb. 15, 1868:

Due L. C. True, note and interest,	$267	65
L. C. True,	267	65
John Ordway,	1102	40
Jane R. Brown,	630	54
William Moore,	946	29
Daniel Sanborn,	378	74
John Lane,	120	22
Parker Morse,	126	24
George Moore,	1514	97
George Cammet,	126	24
Robert Rogers,	357	30
Sally A. Hazelton,	59	55
John White,	476	40
Mary Sanborn,	155	06
Philip Norwell,	1030	00
John Wallace,	119	10
Martha A. Hatch,	119	10
Asa Sanborn,	119	10
Sarah E. Mullet,	595	51
Susan Mullet,	416	85
Sarah E. Mullet,	678	66
A. B. F. Edwards,	476	40
Samuel H. Quincy,	348	31
Samuel H. Quincy,	160	78
Geo. W. Wilcomb,	595	51
Elbridge Wason,	535	96
E. E. Rogers,	119	10
Frederick Wason,	808	53
Abby Spofford,	71	45

Due	A. P. Greenough, note and int.	595	51
	W. H. Underhill,	535	95
	Elzira F. Nichols,	320	33
	Benjamin F. Underhill,	535	95
	Henry Moore,	200	34
	John Lane, 2d,	306	34
	Betsey Pressey,	59	55
	F. R. Stevens,	116	29
	J. G. Hall,	116	29
	Sarah E. Mullet,	99	06
	Lydia Wallace,	235	95
	Martha A. Hatch,	56	18
	Daniel Sanborn,	56	18
	Daniel S. Brown,	78	65
	Samuel S. Morse,	112	36
	Ezekiel Currier,	1123	60
	Abigail R. Currier,	1908	00
	William D. Knowles,	134	83
	J. G. Hall,	112	36
	Ephraim Orcutt,	443	08
	Daniel Sanborn,	165	36
	N. S. Clark,	1653	69
	Mary A. Dearborn,	330	72
	William R. Little,	551	20
	Nancy Chase,	784	17
	John White,	327	54
	Laura E. Spaulding,	74	20
1866.			
Nov. 19.	Sarah D. Moore, note and int.	215	04
Nov. 20.	Ira Sanborn,	1075	00
1866.			
Nov. 28.	Eliphalet Coburn,	3220	86
Nov. 28.	Elizabeth Cheswell,	858	88

1867.			
Jan. 27.	Matilda S. True,	63 79	
April 9.	Benjamin Webster,	210 20	
April 9.	Nancy Chase,	840 80	
March 21.	Lucy Ann Green,	526 75	
April 22.	N. S. Clark,	2097 67	
July 30.	Mary H. Seavey,	516 33	
Aug. 31.	John Ordway,	1027 75	
Sept. 2.	Philip Norwell,	513 58	
Sept. 2.	Mary A. Dearborn,	616 30	
Nov. 30.	Sarah Shaw,	107 47	
1868.			
Jan. 2.	Wm. B. Knowles,	151 07	
			$35798 69

The following sums are due the town:

From the United States,	$1115 00	
From John West, bal. on Carr place,	100 00	
From J. S. Couch on list of 1857,	4928 69	
For tax on bank stock not collected,	129 13	
Cash in the hands of the treasurer,	540 87	
		$6813 69
Balance against the town,		$28985 00

CHESTER, N. H. February 22, 1865.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the Selectmen, Overseer of Poor, and Town Treasurer's accounts for the year past, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

WILLIAM GREENOUGH,
SYLVESTER S. CHAMBERLIN, } AUDITORS.
MOSES WEBSTER,

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Amount of money appropriated by the town,	$697 88
Literary fund,	75 91
Total,	$773 79

District No. 1. Amount of money, $187.45.

RICHARD LAWRENCE, Agent.

Miss EMILY J. HASELTINE, Teacher.

The three terms were taught by the same teacher, and with the large sum of money expended great improvement was to be hoped for; but not so fully realized as anticipated. The teacher in her report says, "There is not interest enough shown by the parents in visiting the school, and in supplying their children with text books." Miss Haseltine evidently tried very hard to make a good school and faithfully instruct her pupils, and in many instances with marked success. The school needs grading, and with concert of action on the part

of persons interested, no trouble would be experienced in accomplishing it. The greatest expense would be in providing a room for one of the schools. This could be had by an addition to the present building at the base, or another story.

District No. 2. Amount of money, $105.23.

HENRY A. HALL, Agent.

Summer Term.—Miss HARRIET N. BARBER, Teacher.

Miss Barber came well recommended; passed a fair examination except in the one particular, that she had never taught school. It is almost indispensable for a teacher to have some experience before taking one of our large schools. It was thought best for the school to be shortened, and in consequence there was no examination. Miss Barber will probably make a good teacher if she takes a small school and profits by the experience obtained in this.

Fall Term.—Miss LIZZIE H. FITZ, Teacher.

The reputation of Miss Fitz is fully established, and whatever I say will be but to add my commendations to the praise she receives from so many others. A well-organized private school of several weeks preceded the regular term, and gave the scholars a prime start. The examination showed great proficiency in scholarship and careful drilling by the teacher. There must be one superior among many good ones, and in my opinion this was the best school in town during the year.

District No. 3. Amount of money, $103.08.

O. S. Haynes, Agent.

Summer and Winter Terms.—Miss Eliza J. Rogers, Teacher.

The summer term was very prosperous, and marked improvement was made. The fall term commenced after a good private school had been in session five weeks, and good progress was attained, notwithstanding the crowded state of the room. The teacher let the reins of government get a little loose in regard to whispering and other minor transgressions of good order during the last term.

This teacher succeeds in imparting energy to her pupils, and teaching them how to acquire knowledge.

School house needs repairs.

District No. 4. Amount of money, $55.08.

Asa Wilson, Agent.

Miss Mary A. Mitchell, Teacher.

Miss Mitchell was enabled in this school to carry out her ideas of order and propriety to the highest degree; and a model school she made of it so far as good deportment was concerned. Her energy took a practical turn in obtaining, by subscription, a map of the United States for the use of the district. The scholars made a good advance in their various studies and passed an excellent examination.

District No. 5. Amount of money, $44.49.

P. Garland Smith, Agent.

Mrs. Mary A. Dolber, Teacher.

Mrs. Dolber, though having laid aside the teacher's sceptre for many years, took it up successfully, and to the great satisfaction of the parents in the district. She secured the respect of all her pupils, and they learned very rapidly. The only regret expressed at the examination was that the term could not be prolonged.

District No. 6. Amount of money, $52.79.

Col. Jas. Towle, Agent.

Miss Mary A. Wells, Teacher.

A small number of pupils, a good teacher, and some very good scholars to lead off, made the term useful to all. The children in this district are under great disadvantage, not being able to have but one term yearly. Measures ought to be taken at once to secure at least two terms of ten weeks each the ensuing year. Could not the experiment be tried of uniting for one year No. 6 and No. 8?

District No. 7. Amount of money, $61.26.

Ladd Richardson, Agent.

Miss Sarah B. Clifford, Teacher.

Good material for a school, a smart, go-ahead teacher, and parents interested in all that pertains to their children, all

combined to make one very good term. There should have been two terms. Good order was maintained during the visits which I made, and by what I can learn from reliable sources, I judge much improvement was made. Owing to a misunderstanding on my part, I was not present at the examination.

District No. 8. Amount of money, $76.15.

CHARLES H. KNOWLES, Agent.

Summer Term.—Miss MARY A. MITCHELL, Teacher.

Miss Mitchell needs no commendation from me in order to stand prominent in our community as a first-class teacher. The order was good, and the recitations were prompt upon all occasions of my visiting the school, and good progress was made. The scholars must avail themselves of schools out of the district if they expect to have as good an education as those in our large villages who have from six to ten months school yearly.

Fall Term.—Miss LYDIA P. BROCK, Teacher.

Miss Brock had a successful school, and pretty well sustained her reputation as a good reliable instructor. The order was very satisfactory at all times when I was present. Much improvement in the different classes was noticed. Parents must take more interest in the school.

District No. 9. Amount of money, $38.68.

LOUIS SANBORN, Agent.

Miss JULIA A. SANBORN, Teacher.

The scholars in this district appeared to realize the importance of education, and I was pleased to notice how well they availed themselves of the privileges afforded them. The term must have met the expectation of the district, being commendable in every respect. Miss Sanborn has a methodical way of teaching. Two-thirds of the scholars did not whisper without permission. It is hoped this trait will prove contagious to other schools.

District No. 10. Amount of money, $38.58.

GEORGE S. SMITH, Agent.

Miss LIZZIE S. HAZELTINE, Teacher.

The genial ways of Miss Hazeltine in school produced that kindly feeling among the scholars necessary for good order and interest in study; consequently all the progress anticipated was made. At the examination some of the scholars particularly distinguished themselves.

Names of scholars who have attended school elsewhere during the year:

Charles Kimball, Dartmouth College.
Miss Sarah P. Webster, Mt. Holyoke Seminary.
Miss Martha Chase, Derry Academy.

To the teachers of public schools during the past year I would make a suggestion:

I have spoken as favorably as I could of your efforts; yet would not have you understand that I think the schools perfect, but susceptible of some improvement. And for this purpose I would advise you to seize every opportunity to make your services more valuable. Go into each others' schools; and especially should young teachers visit the places where others more experienced are teaching. Visit the city schools, and try to go to some of the various educational conventions, and in every way possible endeavor to post yourselves in all that pertains to discipline and method of teaching.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Another year has gone, and with it many opportunities for general improvement in our public schools. We have tried to bring them to a higher standard, and to have them better fill the vacancy which ought to be filled by their influence. Obstacles are found in the apathy of parents, insufficient funds, and the ever changing of teachers. There have been several excellent terms, some fair ones, and but one failure. It was hoped a fall in prices would enable the school money to be spent to a better advantage; but as we still have to pay famine prices for provision, board and other necessary requirements are very high, and short schools are the result. The school tax is to be increased next year by one-fourth; this, with the hoped-for reduction in prices, will secure teachers for a longer period. But in many districts this will only be a partial remedy which can be completed by efficient private schools. To get up a school of this kind, a popular, energetic, interested person should canvass the district, giving the wealthy a chance to subscribe first, whether they have children to send or not, and then present the schedule to the teacher selected. Canvassing should not be required of teachers.

Eaton's series of arithmetics are recommended. The books should be changed the coming year while favorable terms can be obtained of the publishers.

More maps are needed, especially outline and a United States map in each school-house.

Much has been said and written on the duties of prudential committee in relation to teachers; but it will bear rehearsal. The committee should never employ a person who has not taught successfully, except on trial, and especially if the school is large, with advanced scholars, should the teacher be a good disciplinarian and bear an excellent reputation in other respects, or the money will be thrown away. But, says one, where will the teachers commence if none but the experienced are to be employed? Let them begin with private schools, and if they show skill in teaching let them enter the public schools.

It may be said that I have nothing to do with the academy, and of course I have not, except to desire its highest prosperity. It has been in session a part of the year with success, and supplied means of instruction to many who probably would not have obtained it any where else. There are many more who should avail themselves of its privileges, and citizens located near should be willing to give it every aid and encouragement by letting rooms and furnishing board to strangers who would add much to the interest and pecuniary success of the institution. It still remains open for endowment, giving some noble-hearted man a chance to gain for himself infinite blessings, and greatly promote the intelligence of the community.

JAMES F. BROWN,

S. S. Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

TEACHERS.	District No.	Whole number scholars.	Scholars between 4 and 16.	Scholars over 16.	Average attendance.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.	No. not absent one-half day.	No. of weeks.	Wages per month inc. board.
FIRST TERM.										
Emily J. Haseltine,	1	61	60	1	45	130	40	2	11	$24 00
Harriet N. Barber,	2									
Eliza J. Rogers,	3	52	48	4	45	34	32	10	8	24 00
Mary A. Mitchell,	4	21	18	3	17⅓	45	1	3	11¼	20 00
Mary J. Dolber,	5	19	12	2	14	50	20	1	10	16 00
Mary A. Wells	6	13	12	1	12	3	0	0	13	16 00
Sarah B. Clifford,	7	35	31	2	25	85	5	5	10	24 00
Mary A. Mitchell	8	16	16	0	15	11	3	4	6	20 00
Julia A. Sanborn,	9	12	6	6	6	8	3	1	13	12 00
Lizzie S. Hazeltine,	10	18	12	6	15	46	0	4	10	16 00
SECOND TERM.										
Emily J. Haseltine,	1	51	51	0	35	125	124	2	12	24 00
Lizzie H. Fitz,	2	32	32	0	29	57	34	12	9	24 00
Eliza J. Rogers,	3	56	44	22	47	42		13	8	24 00
Lydia A. Brock,	8	21	18	3	18	14	35	2	8	21 00
THIRD TERM.										
Emily J. Haseltine,	1	33	31	2	30	38	17	11	6	24 00